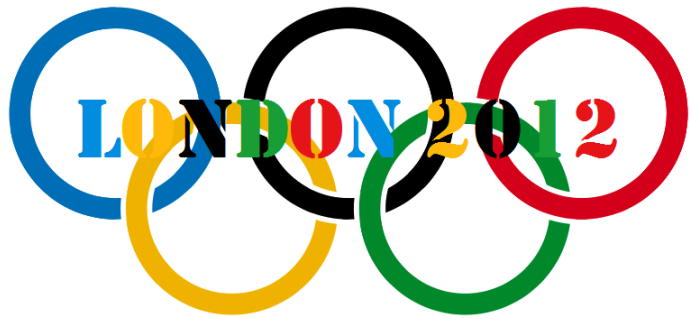


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Booklist for the Pleasanton Public Library Summer Reading Game

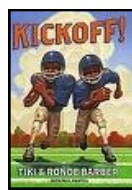
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Kickoff! by Tiki and Ronde Barber
Grades 4-6 (160 p) *Sequel: Wild Card*
Tiki and Ronde have been the stars of their peeewee football team but at the beginning of junior high they find out that seniority rules. They are faced with the hard question: should they stick with the team even if it means having to sit on the bench?



The Prince of Fenway Park by Julianna Baggott
Grades 5-8 (322 p)
In the Fall of 2004, twelve-year-old Oscar Egg is sent to live with his father in a strange netherworld under Boston’s Fenway Park, where he joins the fairies, pooka, banshee, and other beings that are trapped there, waiting for someone to break the eighty-six-year-old curse that has prevented the Boston Red Sox from winning a World Series.



Sports Shorts: An Anthology of Short Stories
by Joseph Bruchac (and others)
Grades 4-6 (127 p)
Eight stories that celebrate the athlete, but not necessarily the winner, within us all.



Summerland by Michael Chabon
Grades 6-9 (500 p) *J Young Teen*
Ethan Feld, the worst player in the history of baseball, finds himself recruited by a 100-year-old scout to help a band of fairies triumph over an ancient enemy.



Open Court by Carol Clippinger
Grades 6-8 (272 p) *J Young Teen*
A thirteen-year-old female tennis prodigy grapples with her seemingly incompatible desires to be an exceptional athlete and a normal teen.



Free Baseball by Sue Corbett
Grades 5-8 (152 p)
Angry with his mother for having too little time for him, eleven-year-old Felix takes advantage of an opportunity to become bat boy for a minor league baseball team, hoping to someday be like his father, a famous Cuban outfielder. Includes glossaries of baseball terms and Spanish words and phrases.



London Eye Mystery by Siobhan Dowd
Grades 6-8 (322 p) *Audiobook available — J Young Teen*
When Ted and Kat’s cousin Salim disappears from the London Eye ferris wheel, the two siblings must work together—Ted with his brain that is “wired differently” and impatient Kat—to try to solve the mystery of what happened to Salim.



Cover-Up: Mystery at the Super Bowl by John Feinstein
Grades 6-8 (298 p) *Audiobook available — J Young Teen*
Fledgling fourteen-year-old sports reporters Susan Carol and Stevie investigate suspicious activities at the Super Bowl after Stevie gets fired from his co-anchor job on a ground-breaking teen sports show.



Last Shot: Final Four Mystery
by John Feinstein — *J Young Teen*
Grades 6-8 (251 p) *Audiobook available*
After winning a basketball reporting contest, eighth grader Stevie and Susan Carol are sent to cover the Final Four tournament, where they discover that a talented player is being blackmailed into throwing the final game.



Vanishing Act: Mystery at the U. S. Open
by John Feinstein
Grades 6-8 (279 p) *J Young Teen*
Eighth-grade sports reporters Susan Carol and Steve reunite at the U.S. Open tennis championships where they investigate the disappearance of a top Russian player.



Crossing Jordan by Adrian Fogelin
Grades 5-7 (140 p)
Twelve-year-old Cass meets her new African-American neighbor, Jemmie, and despite their families’ prejudices they build a strong friendship around their mutual talent for running and a pact to read Jane Eyre.



Soccer Chick Rules by Dawn Fitzgerald
Grades 6-8 (150 p) *J Young Teen*
While trying to focus on a winning soccer season, Tess, 13, also becomes involved in local politics when she learns that all sports programs at her school will be stopped unless a tax levy is passed.



Football Hero by Tim Green
Grades 5-8 (297 p) *Football Genius series*
When twelve-year-old Ty’s brother Thane is recruited out of college to play for the New York Jets, their Uncle Gus uses Ty to get insider information for his gambling ring, landing Ty and Thane in trouble with the Mafia.



Honus and Me by Dan Gutman
Grades 4-8 (140 p) *Baseball Card Adventures*
Joey, who loves baseball but is not very good at it, finds a valuable 1909 Honus Wagner card and travels back in time to meet Honus.



The Million Dollar Putt by Dan Gutman
Grades 4-6 (169 p)
Assisted by his neighbor, Birdie, blind thirteen-year-old Ed Bogard will win one million dollars if he can sink a ten-foot putt in Hawaii’s fifth annual Angus Killick Memorial Tournament.



The Million Dollar Shot by Dan Gutman
Grades 4-6 (114 p) *Audiobook available*
Eleven-year-old Eddie gets a chance to win a million dollars by sinking a foul shot at the National Basketball Association finals.

Two Hot Dogs with Everything by Paul Haven
Grades 4-7 (307 p)



Although everyone credits him and his superstitions for the Sluggers’ first winning streak in 108 baseball seasons, 11 year-old Danny Gurkin believes that his discovery of a secret from the team’s past may be the real reason behind the ball club’s success.

Game, Set, Match by Donna King
Grades 5-7 (136 p) *J paperback “K”*
Twelve-year-old tennis star Carrie Springsteen is tired of having to choose between her friends and her dream of turning pro. Is her dream worth sacrificing life as a normal teen?



Heat by Mike Lupica
Grades 6-8 (220 p) *Audiobook available*
Pitching prodigy Michael is on the run from social services after being banned from playing Little League baseball. Rival coaches doubt he is only twelve years old and he has no parents to offer them proof.



Non-Fiction

The 2012 London Olympics by Nick Hunter
J796.48 Hunter— *Olympics series*

Basketball and Other Ball Sports by Clive Gifford
J796.35 Gifford — *Olympic Sports series*

The Bumper Book of London: Fun Facts for All the Family by Becky Jones — J942.1 Jones

Cycling by Clive Gifford
J796.6 Gifford — *Olympic Sports series*

Girls Play to Win: Lacrosse by Bo Smolka
J796.34708 Smolka — *Girls Play to Win series*

Gymnastics by Clive Gifford
J796.4 Gifford — *Olympic Sports series*

High-Tech Olympics by Nick Hunter
J796.48 Hunter — *Olympics series*

How to Train with a T-Rex and Win 8 Gold Medals by Michael Phelps—JB Phelps

G is for Gold Medal: An Olympics Alphabet
by Brad Herzog — J796.48 Herzog

(Not-For-Parents) London: Everything You Ever Wanted to Know by Klay Lamprell—J914.2104 Lamprell

Olympics: Unforgettable Moments of the Games
by Matt Christopher — J Paperback “C”

Queen of the Track: Alice Coachman, Olympic High-Jump Champion by Heather Lang
JB Coachman

Story of the Olympics by Minna Lacey
J796.48 Lacey

Swimming and Diving by Clive Gifford
J797.2 Gifford — *Olympic Sports series*

Through Time: Olympics by Richard Platt
J678 Platt

A Walk in London by Salvatore Rubbino
J942.1 Rubbino

The World’s Greatest Olympians by Michael Hurley
J796.48 Hurley — *Olympics series*

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Million-Dollar Throw by Mike Lupica
Grades 6-8 (244 p) *Audiobook available*
Eighth-grade star quarterback Nate Brodie’s family is feeling the stress of the troubled economy, and Nate is frantic because his best friend Abby is going blind, so when he gets a chance to win a million dollars if he can complete a pass during the halftime of a New England Patriot’s game, he is nearly overwhelmed by the pressure to succeed.

Two-Minute Drill by Mike Lupica
Grades 4-6 (180 p) *Comeback Kids series*
Brainy Scott, a great kicker who otherwise struggles with football, and star quarterback Chris, who has dyslexia, team up to help each other succeed in both football and school.

Travel Team by Mike Lupica
Grades 5-8 (274 p) *Sequel: Summer Ball*
After he is cut from his travel basketball team, the very same team that his father once led to national prominence, twelve-year-old Danny forms his own team of cast-offs that might have a shot at victory.

Running Rivals by Jake Maddox
Grades 4-7 (65 p) *Jake Maddox Sports Story series*
Amy hurt her knee in a race, but now she is back on the team and will have to get her confidence back in order to compete.

Kick by Walter Dean Myers and Ross Workman
Grades 6-8 (197p) *J Young Teen “Myers”*
Told in their separate voices, thirteen-year-old soccer star Kevin and police sergeant Brown, who knew his father, try to keep Kevin out of juvenile hall after he is arrested on very serious charges.

Gold Medal Murder by Carolyn Keene and Franklin W. Dixon
Grades 4-7 (169 p) *J Paperback “N”*
Nancy Drew and Hardy Boys Super Mystery series
Nancy Drew and the Hardy Boys team up to investigate when a swimmer competing in the upcoming Summer Olympics starts receiving death threats.

Keeping Score by Linda Sue Park
Grades 4-7 (202 p) *Audiobook available*
In Brooklyn in 1951, a die-hard Giants fan teaches nine-year-old Maggie, who is a “Bums” (Dodgers) fan, how to use a technique to keep score of a baseball game which creates a special friendship between them.

Keeper by Mal Peet
Grades 6-9 (225 p) *J Young Teen — Audiobook available*
In an interview with a young journalist, World Cup hero El Gato describes his youth in the Brazilian rainforest and the events, experiences, and people that helped make him a great goalkeeper and renowned soccer star.

Wild River by P.J. Petersen
Grades 4-7 (120 p)
Considered lazy and unathletic, twelve-year-old Ryan discovers a heroic side of himself when a kayak trip with his older brother goes horribly awry.

The Real Lucky Charm by Charisse K. Richardson
Grades 3-5 (76 p) *J Moving-Up & J Paperbacks “R”*
Thinking that luck—rather than hard work—has helped her succeed on the court and at school, ten-year-old Mia panics and turns to her twin brother for help when her lucky gold basketball goes missing from her charm bracelet.

Geronimo Stilton and the Gold Medal Mystery by Geronimo Stilton
Grades 2-5 (87p) *J Paperbacks “G”*
Geronimo goes to Athens to report on the Olympics, and after observing some of the games he and detective Hercule Poirat become suspicious about Cyrus von Snootrat who seems to be winning every Olympic event and they decide to investigate him.

The Boy Who Saved Baseball by John Ritter
Grades 5-7 (216 p) *Audiobook available*
Sequel: The Desperado Who Stole Baseball
The fate of a small California town rests on the outcome of one baseball game, and Tom Gallagher hopes to lead his team to victory with the secrets of the now disgraced player, Dante Del Gato.

Crash by Jerry Spinelli
Grades 6-8 (162 p) *Audiobook available*
Crash Coogan, rising football sensation, has been tormenting his skinny Quaker neighbor for years, until his grandfather’s stroke makes him consider the meaning of friendship and the importance of family.

Lookout London by Lisa Thompson
Grades 3-5 (77 p) *SWAT series*
Will and Vika are recruited by the Secret World Adventure Team to go to London to help find a valuable family heirloom.

Dunk Under Pressure by Rich Wallace
Grades 4-8 (119 p) *Winning Season series*
Free throw specialist Cornell "Dunk" Duncan joins the YMCA summer basketball league all-star team, but after losing his confidence in an important game the seventh-grader makes some decisions about becoming an all-around player.

Aurora County All Stars by Deborah Wiles
Grades 5-8 (256 p) *Audiobook available*
House Jackson, the All-Stars captain and pitcher, finds that the final game of the year is scheduled for the same day as Aurora County’s 200th anniversary pageant. House works out a hilarious compromise that leads to a game where mounting energy keeps everyone on the edge of their seat.

Stanford Wong Flunks Big Time by Lisa Yee
Grades 4-7 (296 p)
After flunking sixth-grade English, basketball prodigy Stanford Wong must pass his summer-school class, and satisfy his academically demanding father.

Speed Star by Jonny Zucker
Grades 4-6 (33 p) *J Moving Up*
While looking for his running shoes before a race at school, fifteen-year-old Rex Jones is transported by his mysterious cell phone to the Olympics, where a strange man gives him a new pair of shoes just before he competes in the 100-meter final.

Books for Younger Readers

Cork & Fuzz: Good Sports by Dori Chaconas
Grades K-2 — JE Chaconas — *Cork & Fuzz series*
Short-legged Cork is upset when tall Fuzz wins every game they play, until he learns that their friendship is more important than winning.

The Fairyland Olympics by Meg Clibbon
Grades 2-4 — J Moving Up
The inhabitants of the Enchanted Forest all work together to prepare for the Fairyland Olympics.

Dodsworth in London by Tim Egan
J Moving Up — *Dodsworth series*
Despite a dart-throwing episode at a local pub and a case of mistaken identity, Dodsworth and his mischievous duck companion receive a royal invitation to stay at Buckingham Palace during their trip to London.

Three Strikes for Rotten Ralph by Jack Gantos
Grades K-2 (47 p) JE Gantos
When Rotten Ralph, the cat, fails to win a spot on a baseball team with his friend Sarah, he becomes the “cat boy” instead, still dreaming of proving himself the superstar he imagines himself to be.

Clorinda Plays Baseball by Robert Kinerck
Grades K-2 — JPB “K”
Clorinda the cow is a talented baseball player and coach whose dream of playing in the big leagues comes true in an unexpected way.

I Will Try by Marilyn Janovitz
Grades K-1 — JE Janovitz — *I Like to Read series*
A young girl beginning to learn gymnastics is tempted to quit because she cannot spin and jump like her friend Jan, but Jan persuades her to keep trying.

Charlotte in London by Joan Knight
Grades 2-5 (64 p) J Moving Up — *Charlotte series*
It is the year 1895 and Charlotte keeps a journal as she and her family prepare to leave France and travel to London, where they meet famous writers and artists.

Who Wants to Play Just for Kicks? by Chris Kreie
Grades 2-4 (49 p)
Sports Illustrated Kids—Victory School Superstars series
J Moving Up “Sports”
Josh’s friends are looking forward to playing soccer just for fun over spring break, but when Josh discovers he is not a very good soccer player, he wonders how anyone can enjoy the game.

Froggy Plays Soccer by Jonathan London
Grades K-2 — JPB “L” — *Froggy series*
Although Froggy is very excited when his Dream Team plays for the city soccer championship, he makes a mistake on the field that almost costs the team the game.

Olympia the Game Fairy by Daisy Meadows
Grades 2-4 (77 p) J Paperbacks “R”
Rainbow Magic series
Kirsty and Rachel are excited about the triathlon coming to town, and they plan to watch the swimming, biking and running events, but when Olympia the Games Fairy’s magic objects disappear, the girls set out to find them.

Hour of the Olympics by Mary Pope Osborne
Grades 2-4 (70 p) J Moving Up — *Magic Tree House series*
Their magic tree house takes Jack and Annie back to retrieve a lost story in ancient Greece, where they witness the original Olympics.

Long Shot: Never Too Small to Dream Big by Chris Paul
Grades 1-3 — JPB “P”
Although he is shorter than most of his classmates and everyone discourages him from trying out for the basketball team, eight-year-old Chris just works harder than everyone else so his size will not matter.

Panda Goes to the Olympics by Judith Simanovsky
Grades K-2 — JPB “S”
A little Panda decides she wants to run in the Olympics but is disappointed to realize she is not suited to be a long-distance runner, so her father tells her about another job she can do there.

Madlenka Soccer Star by Peter Sis
Grades K-2 — JPB “S”
Madlenka plays soccer in her city neighborhood — with the mailbox, a dog, a parking meter, and some cats.

The Field Beyond the Outfield by Mark Teague
Grades K-2 — JPB “T”
When Ludlow begins to play baseball to help combat his fears, he is placed so far out in the outfield that he becomes involved with an adjacent game in which a most astonishing thing happens.

The Ball Hogs by Rich Wallace
Grades 2-4 (119 p) J Moving Up — *Kickers series*
Nine-year-old Ben, a natural athlete and member of the Bobcats co-ed soccer team, wants to overcome his inexperience and prove himself on the field, but his obnoxious teammate, Mark, keeps hogging the ball.

Popular Sports Series

Ballpark Mysteries by David A. Kelly
Grades 2-4 (J Paperback “B”)

Comeback Kids by Mike Lupica
Grades 4-7 (J Fiction & J Paperback “C”)

Fred Bowen Sports Stories by Fred Bowen
Grades 4-7 (J Paperback “F”)

Gym Shorts by Betty Hicks
Grades 2-4 (J Moving Up “Hicks”)

Matt Christopher Sports Series by Matt Christopher
Grades 3-5 (J Paperback “C”)

Marc Brown Arthur Good Sport Chapter Books by Marc Brown (text by Stephen Krensky)
Grades 2-4 (J Moving Up “Brown”)

Orca Sports by various authors
Grades 5-8 (J Fiction and J Paperback “O”)

Sports Stories by various authors
Grades 4-7 (J Paperback “S”)